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TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care and Waiver)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Modification to the ICD-10 Testing Calendar

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In opening statements at the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health, U.S. Rep Joseph Pitts (R-Penn.), the chairman of the subcommittee, expressed his support for the October 1, 2015, date for implementation of ICD-10. [Read the full article](#). You may also read the [full hearing testimony](#).

Based on the unlikelihood that the ICD-10 implementation date of October 1, 2015, will be postponed by the U.S. Congress, the IME is modifying the ICD-10 Testing Calendars contained in [Informational Letters 1472](#)¹ and [1463](#)². Four additional Provider Outreach, Training and Testing dates have been added to ensure that all providers have an opportunity to test the claims processing cycle. Cycles six and seven are available to all providers. Cycles eight and nine are reserved for providers who began testing during previous cycles and faced systems or claims issues. This Informational Letter supersedes the previous ICD-10 Test Calendars.

Table 1: Iowa Medicaid ICD-10 Test Cycles

Cycle Name	Provider Outreach and Training		Claims Testing	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
End-to-End (E2E)				
Cycle 2	Tue 2/10/15	Mon 2/16/15	Tue 2/17/15	Mon 3/2/15
Cycle 3	Wed 3/4/15	Tue 3/10/15	Wed 3/11/15	Tue 3/24/15
Cycle 4	Thu 3/26/15	Wed 4/1/15	Thu 4/2/15	Wed 4/15/15
Cycle 5	Fri 4/17/15	Thu 4/23/15	Fri 4/24/15	Thu 5/7/15
Cycle 6	Mon 5/11/15	Fri 5/15/15	Mon 5/18/15	Fri 5/29/15
Cycle 7	Tue 6/2/15	Mon 6/8/15	Tue 6/9/15	Mon 6/22/15
Cycle 8	Wed 6/24/15	Tue 6/30/15	Wed 7/1/15	Tue 7/14/15
Cycle 9	Thu 7/16/15	Wed 7/22/15	Thu 7/23/15	Wed 8/5/15
Business-to-Business (B2B)				
Cycle 2	Tue 2/10/15	Mon 2/16/15	Tue 2/17/15	Mon 3/2/15

¹ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1472%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission.pdf>

² <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1463%20ICD-10%20Testing%20of%20Claim%20Submission%20for%20Seamless%20Transition.pdf>

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To register for testing, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4609 (Option 1 and 7) or by email at: ICD-10project@dhs.state.ia.us.

Additional testing information will be posted on the DHS ICD-10 webpage, [ICD-10 Testing Announcements](#) in the near future.